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VENEZUELA: THE GOVERNING DEMOCRATIC ACTION PARTY (AD) WON A NARROW VICTORY OVER FOUR LEFTIST PARTY SLATES IN ELECTIONS FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF SUTRAHIERRO, THE SINGLE UNION THAT NOW REPRESENTS THE COUNTRY'S IRON WORKERS.4

AD WON THE TWO PRINCIPAL POSITIONS ON THE NINE-MEMBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE--SECRETARY GENERAL AND ORGANIZATION SECRETARY--BUT FAILED TO GAIN A MAJORITY ON THE COMMITTEE OR IN ANY OF THE DISTRICT UNION COUNCILS OR THE IMPORTANT DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE. THE LEFTIST MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (IIR) AND THE MOVEMENT TOWARD SOCIALISM (MAS) PLACED SECOND AND THIRD RESPECTIVELY. BOTH PARTIES CAN BE CONSIDERABLY ENCOURAGED BY THE ELECTION RESULTS. THEY SUCCEEDED IN THEIR YEAR-LONG MASSIVE EFFORT TO GAIN A FOOTHOLD AMONG THE WORKERS OF THE GUYANA IRON MINING REGION AND TO CAPITALIZE ON THE HARD FEELINGS GENERATED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S TOUGH HANDLING OF WILDCAT STRIKES IN JANUARY AND MAY.4

AD LEADERS, ALTHOUGH PUBLICLY PLEASED WITH THE ELECTION RESULTS, STILL LACK THE FIRM CONTROL OVER THE UNION THAT THEY NEED TO PREVENT

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A REPETITION OF THE LABOR DISPUTES THAT HAVE DISRUPTED PRODUCTION THIS YEAR. BOTH MIR AND MAS ARE IN A STRONG POSITION NOW TO ENCOURAGE LABOR UNREST IN THE INDUSTRY IF THEY CHOOSE. A FIRST TEST OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTROL OVER THE WORKERS WILL OCCUR IN 1976 WHEN THE NEW UNION LEADERS RENEGOTIATE WORKING CONTRACTS. (CONFIDENTIAL)
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MEA BRIEF 172-75.4

1. MOROCCO-SPANISH-SAHARA: KING HASSAN ABRUPTLY CANCELED HIS MASS MARCH INTO SPANISH SAHARA SUNDAY, STRONGLY IMPLYING THAT HE HAD THE BASIS OF AN AGREEMENT WITH SPAIN FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT FAVORABLE TO MOROCCO.4

IN A BRIEF SPEECH FROM AGADIR, KING HASSAN ORDERED HIS COUNTRYMEN TO RETURN TO TARFAYA, THE CLOSEST ASSEMBLY POINT IN SOUTHERN MOROCCO FOR THE MARCH. HE SAID THE MARCH HAD "ACCOMPLISHED ITS MISSION" AND HINTED THAT MOROCCO'S CLAIM TO THE TERRITORY WILL BE RESOLVED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS. IT MAY TAKE A FEW DAYS FOR ALL THE MARCHERS TO RETURN, BECAUSE A SECOND COLUMN OF MARCHERS CROSSED THE BORDER SATURDAY SOME 50 MILES EAST OF THE MAIN GROUP.4

HASSAN STRESSED HIS DESIRE FOR A NEW ERA OF RELATIONS WITH SPAIN AND PRAISED THE SPANISH ARMY FOR AVOIDING A CONFRONTATION WITH THE MARCHERS.4

THE KING'S SPEECH CAME [REDACTED] AFTER HE HAD HELD TALKS

[REDACTED] HASSAN DID NOT REVEAL

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ANY SPECIFICS OF AN UNDERSTANDING OR A FRAMEWORK FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT HE HAS TOO MUCH PERSONAL PRESTIGE AT STAKE TO BACK DOWN EMPTY-HANDED.4

THE CANCELLATION OF THE MARCH WILL DEFUSE TENSIONS IN THE AREA AND PROVIDE A MORE CONDUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE FOR FURTHER TALKS WITH MADRID. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, HASSAN WILL BE UNDER GROWING DOMESTIC PRESSURE TO DEMONSTRATE SOON THAT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE TOWARD A SETTLEMENT FAVORABLE TO MOROCCO.4

MOROCCO AND SPAIN WILL STILL HAVE TO OVERCOME OR IGNORE ALGERIAN OPPOSITION TO A DIRECT TRANSFER OF SPANISH SAHARA TO MOROCCO AND TO MAURITANIA, WHICH ALSO CLAIMS THE TERRITORY. HASSAN POINTEDLY IGNORED ALGERIA IN HIS SPEECH; HE OPPOSES ALGERIAN PARTICIPATION IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS ON SPANISH SAHARA. HE IS UNWILLING TO ACCEPT A REFERENDUM ON SELF-DETERMINATION, AS ALGIERS HAD DEMANDED, DESPITE SPANISH ASSURANCES THAT THE RESULTS COULD BE MANIPULATED.4

SEVERAL HOURS AFTER THE KING'S SPEECH, THE SPANISH RADIO BROADCAST AN EDITORIAL EXPRESSING APPROVAL OF HIS ACTION ENDING

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2. ANGOLA: THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, WHICH IS MAKING A LAST-MINUTE EFFORT TO PATCH TOGETHER A COALITION GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA'S THREE WARRING LIBERATION GROUPS, ANNOUNCED FRIDAY LEADERS OF THE GROUPS WERE STUDYING AN OAU PROPOSAL THAT WOULD ESTABLISH AN "INTERIM" GOVERNMENT TO ACCEPT SOVEREIGNTY FROM PORTUGAL TUESDAY. THE OAU ALSO CONTINUED TO URGE THE ANGOLANS TO ACCEPT A CEASE-FIRE.4

THE AFRICAN INITIATIVE, WHICH WAS SUPPORTED BY THE PORTUGUESE, PROBABLY HAS LITTLE CHANCE OF SUCCESS, DESPITE OPTIMISTIC PRESS REPORTS OUT OF KAMPALA AND LISBON.4

IN THE ABSENCE OF A COALITION GOVERNMENT, THE PORTUGUESE ARE LIKELY TO WITHDRAW WITHOUT EXTENDING SOVEREIGNTY TO ANY OF THE LIBERATION GROUPS. THE LAST 2,000 PORTUGUESE TROOPS WILL LEAVE THE TERRITORY MONDAY NIGHT. THE PORTUGUESE HIGH COMMISSIONER RECENTLY REMARKED THAT HE WILL SIMPLY "TAKE DOWN THE FLAG AND SAIL AWAY."4

THE POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA ON ONE SIDE AND THE NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA AND THE NATIONAL

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UNION FOR THE TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA ON THE OTHER WILL PROBABLY DECLARE RIVAL "GOVERNMENTS" AND INTENSIFY THEIR MILITARY EFFORT AS THEY VIE FOR INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION.Y

IN BRAZZAVILLE FRIDAY A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POPULAR MOVEMENT CLAIMED THAT "ABOUT 80" COMMUNIST, THIRD WORLD, AND AFRICAN STATES WILL RECOGNIZE AN INDEPENDENT POPULAR MOVEMENT GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA ON NOVEMBER 11. THESE STATES ALREADY HAVE SENT CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES TO MOVEMENT PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO AND MANY HAVE ACCEPTED THE POPULAR MOVEMENT'S INVITATIONS TO ATTEND INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS, ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE THE MOVEMENT'S IMAGE AS THE POPULARLY ACCEPTED SUCCESSOR TO PORTUGAL.Y

THE NATIONAL FRONT AND THE NATIONAL UNION ARE ALSO SOLICITING 25X1C INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR A RIVAL GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED] THAT THE LEADERS OF THE TWO GROUPS BELIEVE THEY CAN GARNER SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT, BUT THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MATCH THE POPULAR MOVEMENT.Y

AT PRESENT, HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUES IN MANY AREAS, BUT REPORTING

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IS SKETCHY AND OFTEN CONTRADICTORY. THE POPULAR MOVEMENT IS STILL CLAIMING TO CONTROL THE IMPORTANT RAIL AND PORT COMPLEX OF BENGUELA-LOBITO, [REDACTED] CONFIRMS ITS CAPTURE EARLIER BY THE NATIONAL FRONT AND THE NATIONAL UNION. THE COMPLEX IS A VITAL RESUPPLY POINT AND A SYMBOL OF CONTROL OVER ANGOLA'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.4

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IN LUANDA, PORTUGUESE OFFICIALS BELIEVE AN ATTACK COULD COME AT ANY TIME AND HAVE CALLED ON ALL MEDICAL PERSONNEL TO REPORT FOR DUTY. WIDESPREAD RIOTING AND LOOTING MAY OCCUR IF THE CITY IS ATTACKED. POPULAR MOVEMENT CADRES FEAR THE EMERGENCE OF A NATIONAL FRONT FIFTH COLUMN. POPULAR MOVEMENT MILITARY FORCES IN THE CITY HAVE BEEN CONFINED TO BARRACKS.4

IN CABINDA, THE POPULAR MOVEMENT'S DOMINANCE REPORTEDLY CONTINUES TO BE CONTESTED BY THE ZAIRIAN-BACKED FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF THE ENCLAVE OF CABINDA, WHICH IS ALMOST CERTAINLY ASSISTED BY ZAIRIAN TROOPS. CONGO CONTINUES TO DENY ZAIRIAN CHARGES THAT IT HAS SENT ITS TROOPS INTO THE ENCLAVE. {SECRET}4

3. ZAIRE-USSR: RELATIONS BETWEEN ZAIRE AND THE USSR HAVE

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BECOME SERIOUSLY STRAINED OVER THE TWO NATIONS' SUPPORT FOR RIVAL LIBERATION GROUPS IN ANGOLA'S CIVIL WAR. PRESIDENT MOBUTU MAY BE CONSIDERING BREAKING OR SUSPENDING DIPLOMATIC TIES.4

LATE LAST MONTH THE SOVIET CHARGE IN KINSHASA PRESENTED A DEMARCHE TO THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT CONCERNING ANGOLA AND, PRESUMABLY, ZAIRE'S SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA. WE DO NOT KNOW THE SUBSTANCE OF THE DEMARCHE, BUT IT WAS IMMEDIATELY AND PUBLICLY REJECTED BY THE ZAIRIANS.4

SINCE THEN, THE ZAIRIAN MEDIA AND MOBUTU'S OFFICIAL PARTY HAVE KEPT UP A STEADY BARRAGE OF ATTACKS ON THE SOVIET UNION. THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH ENCOURAGING FRATRICIDAL WARFARE IN ANGOLA, WITH WAGING A DIPLOMATIC EFFORT TO INTIMIDATE ZAIRE INTO CEASING ITS SUPPORT FOR ANGOLA'S TRUE NATIONALISTS, AND WITH ATTEMPTING TO TURN ANGOLA INTO "ANOTHER CONGO," AN ALLUSION TO SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN THE TURMOIL THAT OCCURRED IN ZAIRE (THE FORMER BELGIAN CONGO) IN THE EARLY 1960S.4

SO FAR, SOVIET OFFICIALS IN KINSHASA HAVE REMAINED SILENT. IN MOSCOW, THE MEDIA HAVE BEEN STEADILY INCREASING THEIR COVERAGE

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OF THE ANGOLAN CONFLICT AS THE MILITARY FORTUNES OF THE SOVIET-
BACKED POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA HAVE DECLINED.
SOVIET PROPAGANDA HAS EMPHASIZED FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA,
WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO ZAIRE'S SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL FRONT.4

MOBUTU HAS LONG TAKEN A DIM VIEW OF THE USSR, HAVING LED HIS
GOVERNMENT'S FORCES AGAINST SOVIET-SUPPLIED LEFTISTS THAT TRIED
TO TAKE OVER THE COUNTRY IN THE 1960S. HE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE NO
QUALMS ABOUT TELLING THE SOVIETS TO LEAVE IF MOSCOW RECOGNIZES,
AS IT MAY, THE UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE THAT THE
POPULAR MOVEMENT PLANS TO PROCLAIM ON NOVEMBER 11. {CONFIDENTIAL}
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VIETNAM: THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS SUNDAY ANNOUNCED PLANS FOR REUNIFYING THE COUNTRY. ACCORDING TO RADIO HANOI, A RECENTLY HELD SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE CALLED FOR "RAPIDLY COMPLETING REUNIFICATION." SAIGON AND HANOI, ACCORDING TO THE BROADCAST, WILL APPOINT DELEGATIONS TO A "JOINT POLITICAL CONFERENCE" TO DRAW UP PLANS FOR NEW NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS AND NEW "COMMON" STATE ORGANS. NO EXACT TIMETABLE WAS GIVEN, HOWEVER, AND THE PROCESS MAY NOT BE COMPLETED SOON.

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EUROPEAN BRIEF 173-75.4

1. SPAIN: THE SAHARA PROBLEM HAS GIVEN PRINCE JUAN CARLOS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE AN INITIAL IMPRESSION OF ENERGETIC LEADERSHIP, BUT HE FACES SERIOUS TESTS ON THE DOMESTIC FRONT IN DAYS TO COME.4

JUAN CARLOS' SURPRISE VISIT TO THE SAHARA BOOSTED HIS PUBLIC IMAGE; EVEN THE ILLEGAL OPPOSITION HAS PRAISED IT. PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANT, THE VISIT STRENGTHENED HIS POLITICAL BASE WITH THE MILITARY, WHOSE SUPPORT WILL BE CRUCIAL DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD.4

ON HIS RETURN, THE PRINCE IMMEDIATELY CALLED FOR A MEETING OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL, OVERRIDING OBJECTIONS THAT IT WAS SUNDAY NIGHT. THE DEFENSE COUNCIL RECENTLY HAS BEEN CHAIRED BY PRIME MINISTER ARIAS, BUT JUAN CARLOS EXERCISED HIS PREROGATIVE TO CONVOKE AND PRESIDE OVER THE MEETING IN A DECISIVE MANNER. IN CONTRAST TO 1974, WHEN JUAN CARLOS BRIEFLY HELD POWER, THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE PRINCE'S PERSONAL PALACE, THE ZARAUOLA, INSTEAD OF AT FRANCO'S RESIDENCE, THE PARDO.4

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FRANCO'S LINGERING ILLNESS NEVERTHELESS CONTINUES TO PLACE A GREAT STRAIN ON JUAN CARLOS. THE PRINCE PROBABLY DOES NOT FEEL FREE TO BEGIN POLICY INNOVATIONS ON INTERNAL ISSUES UNTIL HE IS SWORN IN AS KING. MEANWHILE, THE LEFT IS STEPPING UP ITS DEMANDS FOR LIBERALIZATION.4

SO FAR, FRAGMENTATION AND BICKERING WITHIN THE OPPOSITION HAVE AVERTED A SERIOUS CHALLENGE TO JUAN CARLOS' LEADERSHIP. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED RECENTLY BY THE TWO LOOSE COALITIONS OF THE LEFT--THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED DEMOCRATIC JUNTA AND THE SOCIALIST-DOMINATED PLATFORM OF DEMOCRATIC CONVERGENCE--LACKED TEETH AND APPARENTLY WAS AGREED TO ONLY AFTER WEEKS OF ARDUOUS NEGOTIATIONS.4

THE PLATFORM COALITION IS TROUBLED BY INTERNAL SQUABBLES. THE MOST EXTREME MEMBER, A REVOLUTIONARY CATHOLIC LABOR ORGANIZATION, HAS WITHDRAWN IN PROTEST OVER THE COALITION'S MODERATE POSITION TOWARD JUAN CARLOS. ANOTHER PARTY IN THE PLATFORM GROUP, THE LATE DIONISIO RIDRUEJO'S SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, HAS SPLIT. THERE WERE ALSO REPORTS OF SERIOUS DIVISIONS WITHIN

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TIERNO GALVAN'S POPULAR SOCIALIST PARTY, THE PRINCIPAL NON-COMMUNIST GROUP IN THE DEMOCRATIC JUNTA, OVER THE DESIRABILITY OF REMAINING IN THE COALITION.4

THE RECENT RASH OF ARRESTS AND DETENTIONS OF STUDENTS AND MODERATE OPPOSITIONISTS WILL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE MODERATE OPPOSITION TO HOLD TO THE LINE OF GIVING JUAN CARLOS A "PERIOD OF GRACE" IN WHICH TO MOVE TOWARD LIBERALIZATION.4

SPANISH OFFICIALS SAID THAT THE ARRESTS DID NOT REFLECT A HARD-LINE ATTITUDE AT THE UPPER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. HE ATTRIBUTED THE ACTIONS TO THE "POLICEMAN IN THE STREET" WHO IS USED TO HAVING HIS OWN WAY FOR THE PAST 35 YEARS.4

IN A GRIM REMINDER THAT VIOLENT CONFRONTATIONS CAN BE SPARKED BY EXTREMISTS OF BOTH LEFT AND RIGHT, MASKED GUNMEN-- IDENTIFIED BY POLICE AS RIGHT-WING EXTREMISTS--PISTOL-WHIPPED SEVEN LAWYERS REPRESENTING GROUPS IN THE TWO LEFTIST COALITIONS.4

THE SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY, WHICH REPORTEDLY HAD AGREED TO HOLD OFF CALLING FOR ANY STRIKES, NOW HAS APPEALED FOR A GENERAL STRIKE THROUGH THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED, CLANDESTINE WORKERS

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COMMISSIONS, ACCORDING TO A NON-COMMUNIST LABOR LEADER. THE APPEAL URGED "DEMOCRATIC ACTION TO MOBILIZE THE MASSES." A DATE FOR THE STRIKE HAS NOT BEEN SET, BUT A WEEK TO TEN DAYS AFTER FRANCO'S DEATH WOULD BE THE MOST LIKELY TIME.4

MOST OF THE NON-COMMUNIST ELEMENTS IN THE CLANDESTINE LABOR GROUPS ALLEGEDLY OPPOSE A STRIKE CALL, INDICATING THAT IT IS LIKELY TO FAIL. ONLY IN BARCELONA AND MADRID, WHERE COMMUNIST CADRE HAVE CONTROL OVER WORKERS IN SOME FACTORIES, IS THERE LIKELY TO BE A POSITIVE RESPONSE. A STRIKE EFFORT WOULD BE LIKELY TO PROVOKE POLICE REPRESSION AND STRENGTHEN THE FAR RIGHT.4

THE STRIKE CALL MAY BE AN EFFORT BY THE COMMUNISTS TO REGAIN THEIR REVOLUTIONARY IMAGE. THEY APPARENTLY FEEL IT WAS TARNISHED BY THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE RECENT JOINT DECLARATION OF LEFTIST OPPOSITION GROUPS, WHICH DID NOT INCLUDE THE COMMUNIST DOGMA REJECTING JUAN CARLOS AS KING.4

A SUDDEN CRACKDOWN ON THE PRESS, MEANWHILE, IS LIKELY TO HAVE RAISED POLITICAL TENSIONS. SEVERAL WEEKLY MAGAZINES THAT URGED REFORM HAVE BEEN SEIZED, AND OVER THE WEEKEND THE EDITOR OF YA, THE

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PRESTIGIOUS MADRID DAILY, WAS CHARGED WITH ATTACKING THE CONSTITUTION. THE CHARGE STEMMED FROM AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED LAST WEEK URGING CHANGES DESIGNED TO INCREASE DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION AFTER POWER HAS PASSED TO JUAN CARLOS.4

THE DECISION TO IMPOSE CENSORSHIP MAY HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE INFORMATION MINISTRY WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH JUAN CARLOS OR HIS ADVISERS. {SECRET}4

2. PORTUGAL: THE GOVERNMENT, WITH SOLID BACKING FROM THE RULING REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, HAS ANNOUNCED A STRICT CRACKDOWN ON CIVIL DISRUPTIONS BY ITS FAR-LEFT OPPONENTS. ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT EVIDENTLY FEELS IT HAS THE MEANS TO FOLLOW THROUGH, THE USE OF FORCE COULD LEAD TO VIOLENT COUNTERMEASURES.4

LATE~~EN~~ THURSDAY, THE CABINET ISSUED A STERN AND SEEMINGLY UNCOMPROMISING WARNING TO THE LEFT THAT IT WOULD NO LONGER TOLERATE BREACHES OF PUBLIC ORDER AND WOULD TAKE ALL MEASURES NECESSARY TO ENFORCE ITS AUTHORITY AND ENSURE CIVIL PEACE. THE STATEMENT WHICH FOLLOWED SEVERAL DAYS OF DISTURBANCES BY THE LEFTISTS, WAS ANNOUNCED AFTER A JOINT SESSION OF THE CABINET

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AND THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL.4

THE COUNCIL SUBSEQUENTLY ISSUED AN ENDORSEMENT OF THE CABINET'S POSITION AND CAUTIONED UNSPECIFIED GROUPS TO REFRAIN FROM EXPLOITING DISCONTENT AMONG THE 200,000 RECENTLY RETURNED REFUGEES FROM ANGOLA.4

THE COUNCIL'S UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S NEW POLICY TOWARD THE LEFT WAS BOLDLY UNDERLINED FRIDAY WHEN IT AUTHORIZED PARATROOPERS TO SEIZE AND DESTROY A LEFTIST-OCCUPIED RADIO TRANSMITTER OUTSIDE LISBON. THE RADIO HAD CONTRIBUTED TO UNREST IN THE CAPITAL BY URGING LEFTIST DEMONSTRATORS TO LAY SIEGE TO THE INFORMATION MINISTRY.4

THE CRACKDOWN COMES AS A SHARP CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS INDICATIONS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ASSERT ITS AUTHORITY GRADUALLY AND IN AREAS WHERE THERE IS LITTLE ORGANIZED OPPOSITION. DIRECT CONFRONTATION WITH MILITANT LEFTISTS HAS BEEN REGARDED AS A RISKY POLICY THAT MIGHT MAKE MARTYRS OUT OF THE DISSIDENTS.4

IN RECENT WEEKS, HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THE FAILURE OF THE FAR LEFT TO MOUNT EFFECTIVE ANTIGOVERNMENT

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DEMONSTRATIONS AND BY AN IMPRESSIVE SHOW OF SUPPORT FOR THE AZEVEDO GOVERNMENT IN THE PROVINCES. IT MAY BE INFLATING ITS STRENGTH RELATIVE TO THAT OF THE LEFT, HOWEVER, SINCE THE ANTIGOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATIONS FAILED FOR LACK OF SUPPORT BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY. THE PROVINCIAL RALLIES HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY STAGE-MANAGED BY THE MILITARY'S GOVERNMENT PARTNERS--THE SOCIALISTS AND THE POPULAR DEMOCRATS.4

THE INHERENT DANGER IN THE CRACKDOWN, WHICH HAD TO COME SOONER OR LATER, IS THAT THE GOVERNMENT STILL MAY NOT HAVE HAD TIME TO PUT TOGETHER THE SECURITY FORCE NECESSARY TO ENFORCE ITS WILL UPON A WELL-ARMED, RECALCITRANT LEFT. {SECRET}4

3. POLAND: ACCORDING TO LOCAL OBSERVERS, WARSAW APPEARS TO BE FOLLOWING THE PRECEPTS OF ADAM SMITH INSTEAD OF KARL MARX AS IT TRIES TO CONVINCÉ THE POLISH PEOPLE THAT PRICE HIKES WOULD BENEFIT BOTH THE CONSUMER AND THE NATIONAL ECONOMY. ALTHOUGH FOOD PRICES HAVE NOT BEEN SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED, THE AVERAGE POLE WILL CONCLUDE THAT PRICES ON BASIC FOOD ITEMS--

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WHICH HAVE BEEN HELD STABLE FOR MORE THAN FIVE YEARS--WILL SOON GO UP.4

ON MONDAY, A POPULAR WARSAW DAILY PRINTED AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "CHEAP, BUT THERE ISN'T ANY," THAT IMPLICITLY ARGUED THAT SUPPLY AND DEMAND SHOULD BECOME THE MAJOR FORCES IN SETTING PRICES. THE AUTHOR CANDIDLY AND WITHOUT THE USE OF HEAVY ECONOMIC JARGON SUGGESTS THAT THE CURRENT PRICE SYSTEM DEPRIVES CONSUMERS OF INFLUENCE IN THE SELECTION OF GOODS, THEREBY CREATING SHORTAGES AND LONG LINES IN FRONT OF STORES.4

THE AUTHOR COMMENTS THAT MANY CONSUMER ITEMS WHOSE PRICES ARE FROZEN HAVE DISAPPEARED FROM THE MARKET BECAUSE MANUFACTURERS, WHO LOSE MONEY PRODUCING THEM, TURN OUT ONLY THE MINIMUM REQUIRED BY THE PLAN. REAL WAGES, SHE ASSERTS, WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE AND PRICES SHOULD NOT BE AN UNTOUCHABLE "TABOO," BUT AN INSTRUMENT TO SPUR PRO-

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DUCTION IN THE DIRECTION THAT WILL BEST SATISFY
 THE NEEDS OF SOCIETY.Y

THE ARTICLE DOES NOT ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT
 HOW FUTURE PRICES WILL BE SET AND FAILS TO POINT
 OUT THAT PRICE INCREASES WILL NOT QUICKLY REMEDY
 THE MOST IRRITATING SHORTAGES, PARTICULARLY OF
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